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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

DOI AUGUST 1965

SUBJECT DEATH OF U.S. PILOT IN HOANG LAU HAMLET, HOANG LU 3
VILLAGE, AN HAI DISTRICT, HAIPHONG CITY, NORTH VIETNAM

ACO

VIETNAM, SAIGON (26 NOVEMBER 1973)

SOURCE

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1. AT ABOUT 1200 HOURS ON 25 OR 26 AUGUST 1965, [REDACTED]

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HEARD EXPLOSIONS COMING FROM A U.S. AIR RAID ON A FUEL STORAGE AREA NEAR XJ726286 IN CAM LO VILLAGE, AN HAI DISTRICT, HAIPHONG CITY, NORTH VIETNAM. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAW A WHITE PARACHUTE DRIFTING TOWARD HOANG LAU HAMLET, HOANG LU VILLAGE, AN HAI DISTRICT. [REDACTED] DID NOT SEE ANY AIRCRAFT. THE PARACHUTE LANDED NEAR XJ629001 AND THE U.S. PILOT HARNESSSED IN IT WAS DEAD WHEN IT HIT THE GROUND.

2. [REDACTED] OBSERVED THE BODY FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM A DISTANCE OF ONE METER. HE SAID THAT THE PILOT WAS A CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.85 METERS TALL AND WEIGHED BETWEEN 80 TO 90 KILOS. HE HAD A FULL OVAL FACE, THICK CURLY REDDISH-BLOND HAIR AND WAS CLEAN SHAVEN. HE WAS DRESSED IN A GREY FLIGHT SUIT, AND WEARING A FLIGHT HELMET, GOGGLES, A WRISTWATCH AND TWO PISTOLS. [REDACTED] THOUGHT THAT THE PILOT HAD DIED FROM AN INJURY TO HIS LEFT THIGH WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN PULVERIZED.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] WAS SHOWN VOLUMES I AND II OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE AN IDENTIFICATION.)

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATES THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS: "JCRC REVIEWED ITS FILES ON

THE REPORTED INCIDENT AND STATES THAT THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT
 REPORTED DOWNED IN GRID SQUARE 'XJ' JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1965,
 IN OCTOBER 1965, HOWEVER, THERE WERE FIVE DOWNINGS WITH AT LEAST
 ONE CREW MEMBER RELEASED FROM ALL BUT ONE AIRCRAFT. JCRC
 EXPERIENCES INDICATES THAT REPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES CONFIRM THAT
 DESCRIPTION PROVIDED IS FAIRLY STANDARD FOR FAIR-COMPLEXIONED
 CAUCASIANS WHEN DESCRIBED BY VC/NVA [REDACTED] IT IS
 TRUE THAT DESCRIPTION CONTAINS MORE ADJECTIVES THAN MANY REPORTS,
 BUT THEY DESCRIBE THE MAJORITY OF REGULATION-ATTIRED AVIATORS
 WHO DO NOT AFFECT PECULIARITIES IN THEIR MODE OF DRESS AND FACE-
 HAIR FOR COMBAT MISSIONS."

4. FIELD DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE
 IN SAIGON SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG
 AND [REDACTED]

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